

Commercial.

Shipping.

THIS DAY.

Noon.

There is still nothing to chronicle in the shape of share business, everything being as dull as ditch water. Banks stand nominally at 182 per cent. premium, and possibly a few shares could be placed at that figure for cash. On time there are sellers at 191 for the end of February and 195 for March. Steamboats are on offer at 50 per share premium, but there is no demand for the stock at present. China Sugars are rather weaker, with sellers at 134 for the end of the year, and Luzons are decidedly out of favor at 90. Nothing else requires special mention.

4 o'clock p.m.

With the exception of a sale of Luzons "on time" at 96 for the end of June, we have nothing to add to our midday report.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—cum New Issue—182 per cent. premium, buyers. Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$620 per share, sellers. China Traders' Insurance Company—\$75 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,350 per share. Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$12 per share. Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 1000 per share, sellers.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$200 per share, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$360 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$360 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—57 per cent. premium.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$49 per share, premium.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—110 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$150 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—20 per cent. dis.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$134 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—2 per cent. premium.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$90 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$150 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—1 per cent. prem. ex. int.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—par.

EXCHANGE

ON LONDON.—Bank T. T. \$/8

Bank Bills, on demand \$/8

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight \$/8

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight \$/8

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight \$/8

ON PARIS.—Bank T. T. \$/8

Bank Bills, on demand 470

Credits, at 4 months' sight 478

ON BOMBAY.—Bank T. T. 226

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank T. T. 226

On Demand 227

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight 72

Private, 30 days' sight 73

EXPORT CARGO.

Per Sindhu, str., for Continent—2,211 bales Silk, 80 bales Waste Silk, 10 cases Silks, 26 bales Cocoons, 27 cases Pongees, 140 packages Ten, and 99 packages Sundries. For London—1,374 bales Silk, 1 case Silver Thread, 5 cases Silks, 624 packages Tea, 50 cases Oil, and 330 packages Sundries.

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA—per picul, \$525 (Allowance, Tacs 66).

OLD MALWA—per picul, \$575 (Allowance, Tacs 86).

NEW PATNA, high touch (without choice) per chest \$560

NEW PATNA, high touch (first choice) per chest \$562

NEW PATNA, high touch (bottom) per chest \$565

• NEW PATNA, high touch (second choice) per chest \$5578

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NEW PATNA, low touch (bottom) per chest \$562

NEW PATNA, low touch (second choice) per chest \$555

NEW BENARES, high touch (without choice) per chest \$5478

TURKEY, per picul \$60 @ \$520

NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul, \$485 @ \$400

OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul \$375 @ \$400

OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul \$365 @ \$352

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

BAROMETER, THERMOMETER, &c.

WEATHER.

HOUR'S RAIN.

QUANTITY FALLEN.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Higham.—Per Wells, to-day, the 19th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.—Per Douglas, to-day, the 19th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per Kow-sen, to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Amoy and Shanghai.—Per Jason, to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Hoi-hoo and Singapore.—Per Thales, to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 1 P.M.

For Bangkok.—Per Danube, on Friday, the 21st instant, at 7:30 A.M.

For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per Takachio Maru, on Friday, the 21st instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per Kow-shing, on Friday, the 21st instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Swatow.—Per Alay, on Friday, the 21st instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per Ocean, on Friday, the 21st instant, at 4:30 P.M.

For Bangkok.—Per Peking, on Saturday, the 22nd instant, at 1:30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Hiogo, and Yokohama.—Per Kita, on Thursday, the 27th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, &c.

—Per Naples, on Tuesday, the 8th January, at 4:00 P.M.

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At the meeting of the Eothen Mark Lodge held last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. M., Bro. W. KERFOOT-HUGHES,
Treasurer..... H. N. MOYD.
Tyler J. R. GRIMBLE.

There is a saying in California that if a man buys water he can get his land thrown in. The literal fact is that the value of much of the land depends solely upon the water which it holds or controls. Four systems of irrigation are practised: First, flooding the land. This is possible only in flat districts, where there are large heads of water. The second is by furrows, by which a large head of water is brought upon the land and distributed in streams as small as will run across the ground. The third is by basins dug around tree roots, to which water is brought by pipes or ditches. The fourth is by sub-irrigation; the water is carried in pipes laid from two to three feet below the surface, and let out to permeate the soil.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to the performance of "Fritz," to be given at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening, by the Loftus troupe. The cast is a powerful one, and we shall be much astonished if that clever actor, Mr. Jeff D'Angelis, does not score another great success as the German emigrant Fritz. The play to be presented for the first time to-night before a Hongkong audience was not first produced at the Adelphi Theatre, Strand, London, as stated by our muddling morning contemporary, having been played in the States for several years, by Mr. J. K. Emmet, before it saw the "Lights of London." The plot is of a rather hackneyed description, ending with the usual triumph of virtue over vice. "Fritz" is essentially a one-horse play, and was written for the express purpose of showing off the versatility of Mr. Emmet, and was simply formed into a sort of drama to allow of the introduction of attractive quips, quirks, and antics of that artiste who is said to have made over one million dollars out of "Fritz" alone. Mr. H. J. Byron, at the conclusion of the successful run of "Fritz," at the Adelphi, specially wrote a piece for Mr. Emmet entitled the "Merry Swiss Boy," which was probably the play our morning contemporary first saw produced in Ben Webster's old theatre. We might add that Byron's play turned out a miserable failure at the Adelphi, and met with a like fate when carted to the provinces; our most talented and successful author having quite failed to fit Emmet with anything suitable to his peculiar style. We can recommend the performance of "Fritz" to our readers, and expect to see a large audience assemble to-night to patronise the talented and highly deserving Loftus troupe.

TIENTSIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) December 8th, 1883. In regard to the Secret Decree, it was issued in September last, and no doubt a copy was in M. Tricou's possession when he was in Peking, and it had very likely been received in Europe before it was published in the Shanghai papers.

I hope the French will take Bacninh; if not it will encourage the war party in their boasting that France is afraid to do so. If Bacninh is taken the Chinese will then withdraw from the field, but so long as they delay, the Chinese have hopes that they and the Black Flags united can beat the French troops in Tongking.

Sir Harry Parkes, as advised in my last, arrived and had an interview with Li Hung-chang, and I expressed a hope that Sir Harry and his Government would be good enough to use their best endeavours to assist Marques Tseng in his negotiations with France, so that a peaceful result would be obtained in the French, Chinese and Annamese affairs. To this Sir Harry is said to have consented, and promised to acquaint his Government of Li's wishes. During these last few days it is currently reported that Sir Harry and Li have arranged the Tongking question.

Ma Kien-tsung's friends report here that he has been commissioned by Li to go to Shanghai to examine the books and accounts of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, and report the financial position of Mr. Shih, as Li remitted Tls. 300,000, and the Customs Taotai 20,000, yet the manager asks for more; as Ma did go by the Haan, there is, no doubt, a great deal of truth in the report, especially as Ma's family remains here.

Hu Singang, the great Banker, is bankrupt; the Chinese here say his liabilities are Tls. 10,000,000. The bank has been closed here and in Peking by the Government; and the manager here is locked up in the Hsin Yamen. His failure will tell heavily on Tso Tsung-tang and many of his high official friends.

The Kai-ping Mining shares are declining here, and have dropped to-day from Tls. 120 to 90.

On account of Fao Kwan-foo's failure, Chinese here report that other banks both here and at Shanghai will be affected.

It is reported that Admiral Enomoto is coming down from Peking to have an interview with Li. It is also reported that Li has requested Taotai Shih to take over the general management of the C.M.S.N. Co.

None of the Chinese here believe in the Secret Decree of September last, or of war between France and China, unless France should decide to go to war with China, and march her troops from Tongking into Chinese territory.

The Annamite Ambassadors are still here, waiting for Li's promised aid, and will, no doubt, remain all the winter. Some of the Chinese will have it that the senior Ambassador is Tudin, and it may turn out to be true. —*Mercury.*

CHINAPLAW.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.] December 10th.

You gave an account some months ago of the missionary steam launch named the Glad Tidings. She has been here some time, and started at noon to-day on the Yangtze. After being so long delayed, unsatisfactory arrangements have been made and the trim little vessel, as if impudent, joyously, with the Methodist Episcopal flag at the bow, and the Stars and Stripes at the stern, steamed proudly upstream, like a thing of life. The United States Consul has obtained a special permit for the Glad Tidings, so that she has the right to steam up and down the Yangtze unhampered by Customs Regulations. Long may she continue to carry the Glad Tidings of salvation!

Last week the Rev. A. L. Parrot and wife returned to Yangtze. Two new missionaries, Messrs. Burnett and Stearns, accompanied them to Yangtze, where they will study the language before proceeding to the Far West. —*Timberman.*

CRICKET.

FOOCHOW v. HONGKONG C. C.

(By Telegraph) FOOCHEW, 18th December, 1883.

The match between elevens representing the Hongkong and Foochow cricket clubs respectively, was commenced yesterday morning. The Foochow team went first to the wickets and made a long stand and a tall score, chiefly owing to the fine defence and grand hitting powers exhibited by Stewart and Sanderson, the former scoring 92 and the latter 31. When the last wicket fell the telegraph showed the formidable total of 189 runs. The bowling of the Hongkong men was not first class, Hendry distinguishing himself most by taking 7 wickets at a cost of 50 runs. It is worthy of note that Hendry accomplished the "hat trick" in the last over he bowled, taking three wickets with consecutive balls. The score of the Hongkong team will be sent to-morrow.

FOOCHOW
First Innings.
Mr. Wedderburn, c. Head, b. Hendry 23
Mr. Taylor, c. Head, b. Hendry 20
Mr. Sanderson, c. Daughish, b. Foster 31
Mr. Phillips, b. Hendry 9
Mr. Baldwin, b. Head, b. Head 9
Mr. King, b. Hendry 6
Mr. Rogers not out 0
Mr. Lawler, c. b. Head, b. Head 0
Mr. Clynes, b. Head 15
Total 189

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Balls, Runs, Maidens, Wickets.
Hendry 18 30 0 7
Head 136 72 0 2
Porter 32 20 0 1
Lloyd 15 20 0 1
Hendry bowled 3 wickets and Porter one.

LAWYERS AND LAYMEN.

The following observations on the above subject are condensed from a Melbourne publication, *The Imperial Review*:—"Why do we worship this horrid Juggernaut? It is folly to look for reform from the lawyers. "Law insists on a cruel symmetry, like the Procrustean bed, on which the tyrant of old places his victims, hacking them to fit in. Justice cannot be dealt out after this fashion. The only fair principle is that of arbitration, without reference to standards, precedents, or case-law, except in illustration. Going to law is playing with fire, and horrid knives. The wrong is just as likely to triumph as the right. Justice is bought. Money is the grand engine for obtaining success in the law courts. The rich man nearly always comes off best ultimately. When the law says that 'possession is nine-tenths,' it also means that possession of the most money secures nine-tenths Justice. The ablest barrister is the man who can best pervert the course of justice, by biasing the minds of juries and judges. Employ a first class man, and your chances of success are proportionately multiplied. Otherwise, how would barristers make money? Only a rich man can enjoy the luxury of an ultimate appeal to the Privy Council, because a deposit of £500 is required. We remember a case where a poor man, in Melbourne, obtained a verdict against a rich man, who appealed to the Privy Council, and had it capized. If the rich man had been successful, in the first instance, the poor man could not have afforded to appeal to the Privy Council. Therefore justice is bought by juries, deals with the matter."

"The Times has for some months congratulated itself that it had gone through with about all the libel suits likely to arise from its fearless exposure of public wrongs. It has had many libel bouts with public jobbers, political dead-beats, spiritualistic humbugs, and characterless adventurers, and has a record of absolute judicial justification in every case; but the lawless and swindling lottery system has hitherto refrained from an appeal to the law to compensate it for the exposure in these columns of its lawless commerce."

"The swindling lottery system has now come to the front, as *The Times* has been officially notified by a writ, No. 20, issued from the United States Circuit Court, October session, 1883, in which it is set forth that *The Times* publishing Company must appear on the first Monday of November next, "to answer to Maximilian A. Dauphin, a citizen of the Republic of France, residing in New Orleans, State of Louisiana; on a plea of trespass on the case." Maximilian is the General Agent or active officer of the Louisiana Lottery Company, and *The Times* has trespassed upon that corporation by exposing its lawless operations in Pennsylvania and protecting the people from the swindling lottery system."

That Maximilian, the distinguished French citizen who proposes to make *The Times* replenish his finances by a libel suit, has much reason to be dissatisfied with this journal, we are to admit. It has greatly interfered with the lottery robbery in this and other States, and it has saved the poorer classes of our citizens, who have been most easily tempted into the folly, hundreds of thousands and probably millions of dollars by its refusal of Maximilian's liberally proffered advertisements and its ceaseless protests against the fraud. It has compelled journals of professed repute in Philadelphia and other portions of Pennsylvania, to close their columns to decoy lottery advertisements, and it has been mainly instrumental in the enactment of a stringent statute compelling the public press to refuse further aid in the lottery swindle. It has thus doubtless caused Maximilian's trade to diminish by hundreds of thousands of dollars in this region, and if his trade is a legitimate one, he is certainly entitled to 'liberal' damages from this journal."

"Unfortunately for Maximilian, however, the law of the nation and the law of the State both declare his trade to be illegitimate and lawless, and that must be a serious impediment to his recovery in his action 'of trespass on the case.'

The law of the nation excludes his correspondence from the mails as illegitimate and outside the pale of reputable and lawful enterprise.

The law of Pennsylvania imposes the penalty of fine and imprisonment upon any one who sells his ticket or advertises them in a public newspaper, and *The Times* has simply performed the plain duty of an honest journal by demanding that a trade that is based upon coolly calculated robbery, and forbidden as lawless in State and nation, shall be excluded from our State.

But for the plain mandate of the law, Maximilian's appeal to the law in this case might be compensating; as it is, his trial will have

his trouble and his costs as about his only reward."

THE AUDIT OF THE BUNDELEUND BANKING COMPANY.

DEDICATED (WITHOUT PERMISSION) TO THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

(To be set to a well-known popular air.)

I'm an articled clerk in Accountancy, And I "do the audit" of the B. B. C. For though I'm scarcely out of school, you see, I know how to value a security.

My duties are as simple as simple can be: "I go to the Bank in Janua-ry, I say "How dye do?" to the Secre-tary, And then begin the audit of the B. B. C.

First I "tick off" the lists that are handed to me, Then the "certified accounts" from a far coun-tree, Though I know next to nothing about a ru-pee— That matters very little to the Guv'nor or me.

The "printed accounts" for the year eighty-three, Being "found with the books to duly agree," I bid farewell to the Secre-tary,

Then hit me back through Lothbury.

My Guv'nor, a man of seventy-and-three,

Whose office is not far from the Old Jew-ry,

Has his hands so full in Janua-ry,

That he cannot give much time to the B. B. C.

He looks at the printed accounts just to see

What we have not omitted—the Auditor's fee;

Then signing the print, he hands it to me,

And thus completes the audit of the B. B. C.

Vanity Fair.

LIBEL.

Several of the leading American newspapers

appear to have a lively time of it in the law-

courts' libel actions and prosecutions following

each other in rapid succession. Amongst many others the Philadelphia *Times* has occupied a

prominent position as a fearless, independent

and outspoken journal, with the result that it

has had to defend in court its public utterances

time out of number. The United States law of

libel would seem to be a much more intelligent

enactment than the very unsatisfactory and

generally incomprehensible ordinances which

govern such cases in England and her de-

pendencies, or perhaps it may be that Ameri-

cans are not so rigidly fenced in with the

legal prejudices which warp the common

sense and better judgment of so many oc-

cupants of the English Bench. However, after

a spell of quiet of a few months duration the

Philadelphia *Times* is again in for a libel action,

and this is the free and easy manner in which

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ject, deals with the matter.

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THE DISPENSARY, FOOCHEW.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish *The Hongkong Telegraph* daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before Five O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

DEATH.

On the 6th inst., at Foochow, the beloved wife of J. W. POSTLETHWAITE, aged 77 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1883.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 18th December.

EXECUTION OF O'DONNELL.

O'Donnell, who was convicted of the murder of Carey, the Phoenix Park informer, was hanged yesterday.

BASUTOLAND UNDER BRITISH RULE.

It is officially announced that Imperial administration has been established in Basutoland, and that a British Resident will be appointed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OWING to great pressure on our news columns, an article on the "Address to the Hon. J. M. Price" has been kept over for our next issue.

NOMINATIONS for the Hongkong Derby of 1884 will close this evening at 6 p.m. to the Clerk of the Course, Hongkong Club.

We hear from good authority that Mrs. Fincham's scoundrelly assailant is believed to be an escaped convict from Foochow.

MR. F. D. Cheshire, U.S. Vice-Consul, took charge of the United States Consulate-General at Shanghai on the 16th instant.

THE Custom authorities at Shanghai have issued a notification stating that quarantine restrictions on vessels arriving from Swatow have been removed.

THE Shanghai *Mercury* thus defines Chinese diplomacy:—"Li Hung-chang tells Mr. Tricot something calculated to prevent France reinforcing Tongking, whilst the chatter-box Ambassador tells English journalists that France has not sent enough troops to Tongking. Is Li Hung-chang a diplomatist, or is Marquis Tseng playing the game of brag?"

We hear that Inspector Cameron's resignation has been accepted, dating from the 13th instant, and that he goes shortly to Shanghai as Chief Inspector of the municipal police there. Inspector Cameron has done some twelve years' service in the force in Hongkong, with credit to himself and profit to the colony, having been engaged in many important cases. We congratulate the worthy inspector on his rise in life, and trust his career in the Model Settlement will be as successful as it has been here.

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THE German corvette *Leipzig*, Captain Herbig, arrived from Amoy last night.

THE Portuguese gunboat *Tamega*, Captain Da Costa Cabral, arrived from Macao last night for the purpose of going into dry dock.

As a general rule, when an enterprising editor secures "information from a distinguished source" he is giving a sly hint that he has interviewed himself.

ADMIRAL ENOMOTO, Japanese Minister to Peking, arrived at Shanghai from Taku in the steamship *Nanking* on the 14th inst. His Excellency is on his way to Japan.

A MARYLAND man has sued for divorce, alleging that his wife will not let him read his Bible in peace, and that once she took it from him and threw it into the fire.

CANON LIDDON, the Chrysostom of the English pulpit, is at present engaged in translating Rosin's "Five Wounds of the Church," and writing a life of the late Dr. Pusey.

SHE, triumphantly, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." He, cynically, "Yes, indeed, my dear; and that's why the world is so badly governed."

SPAIN is to have the luxury of dining-cars on her railways, under the management of a special company, which has obtained a concession of the right of running them for twenty years.

THE greatest hero of go-as-you-please achievements is a young man who says he means to attempt thefeat of going forty days without working. He says if his employers don't prevent him he thinks he can accomplish the task.

THE Berlin Museum has purchased for \$36,000 Rembrandt's painting of "Potiphar Accusing Joseph Before Pharaoh." The work was formerly in possession of Sir Thomas Lawrence, and is one of the most famous of Rembrandt's pictures.

A. MEHRING, in a long and very interesting paper, has shown that the paleontological evidence goes to prove that the horse existed in Europe as far back as the tertiary period; and that the modern horse is not of exclusively Asiatic origin.

A BURGLAR, chased by an Ohio man, jumped into a river and was drowned. The pursuer stands indicted for murder in the first degree for not saving him. This is (says the *Sydney Bulletin*) exactly how any New South Wales paper, which pillories a scoundrel, is served.

THIS is a denominational item from an American print:—"The Rev. Mr. Thomas Smith is circuit-riding in the western district—that is, when he is sober enough to ride, or isn't getting married. At latest accounts he had hooked on to his seventh spouse, with more to hear from."

WE beg to acknowledge receipt of an 1884 office calendar from the Victoria Dispensary. The Dispensary calendar is a handsomely got up affair, quite artistic in design. The centre contains a sketch of part of the Praya, Peddar's wharf, Lammert's, Victoria Dispensary, the Clock Tower, and Post Office in the foreground, while the Peak and signal yards are prominently displayed in the rear. The monthly sections of the calendar contain a mass of useful and interesting information which renders it a feast to the mind as well as a pleasure to the eye.

THE foulest and most dangerous of the rookeries with which old Paris used to abound has only just disappeared. It was a small court known as the Cite du Tarn, and, although it practically consisted only of the two houses numbered 84 and 86 Rue de Meaux, and of additions to them, it gave shelter at one time to no less than 263 different families, comprising in all 1,750 persons. The landlord was a man named Gandy, who, besides letting lodgings, sold wine, meat, groceries, milk, fruit, and haberdashery to his tenants, and also kept some kind of order among them. The lodgers were, without exception, chiffroniers; every room was occupied by at least three families, each of which provided its own truss of straw, and squatted in its own corner; and by day as well as by night drunks orgies of the most frightful kind used to be indulged in by these human savages. M. Gandy was often obliged to interfere; and his appearance, armed with a thick cudgel, usually sufficed to quiet the uproar. But one night, a few years ago, upon endeavoring to quell a riot among his tenants, he was attacked by a score of half-maddened men and women, who fell upon him with knives and axes, and did not desist until they had inflicted eight terrible wounds upon his body.

PROFESSOR BLACKIE, uncompromising old Radical that he is, has resigned his Greek professorship at Edinburgh University to devote himself to a more genuine branch of "the humanities," as the Scotch call Latin and Greek. He goes in for Land Law Reform, and lately, speaking relative to the case of the Scotch Crofters, he showed himself as much master of legal thoughts as he has been of dead languages. He said:—"Let Crookdie, let Hebrew die, let learning go to the dogs; but let human beings live—cheers! and let human brother charity live, and let him go on with his discourse. (Cheers and laughter.) Any man who knew human nature could have prophesied the whole series of events that has occurred. Why? Why were laws made? To protect the weak against the strong, the poor against the rich." But the Land Laws of this country were made by the landlords, and that for the purpose of making themselves stronger. They might call him the Scottish Parnell if they liked. (Laughter and cheers). He cared not a straw. (Renewed cheers). Those unjust laws enabled man to stamp God's name upon the devil's works. The only thing of which the Highlanders had been guilty was that they had been far too meek and submissive. (Cheers). Experience had taught him that nothing was to be gained in the world by roaring—(laughter)—making a tremendous noise—(laughter)—and whether it was the French or the Treaty Ports generally would be at all necessary. In short, his contention was that Tongking was no part of China, and that if China indulged in irregular warfare in Tongking the French force would be quite able to deal with their assailants, whatever their nationality might be. The general outcome of my interview with M. Ferry amounts to this:—The French do not intend to annex New Guinea; they mean to hold and occupy Tongking; they will not go to war with China unless they are compelled to; even then they will not blockade the Treaty Ports. But France will not acquiesce in the Chinese claims to Tongking, and will resist them if the Chinese attempt to enforce them.

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A SCOTTISH blacksmith, being asked what was the meaning of metaphysics, replied "When the party who listens dinna ken what the party who speaks means; and when the party who speaks dinna ken what he means himself—that's metaphysics."

A MAN in New York recently sued a telephone company for refusing to allow him to transmit bad language over the wire. He contended that having paid for the wire, he could send what words he liked. He was non-suited, the Court holding that people had no right to send swear words or immoral sentences by telephone; more especially as many of the clerks were young women.

THE case of wrongful dismissal, Benjamin N. Huestis v. The Chinese Glass Works Co., which has been occupying the attention of Sir Richard Temple Rhine and a Shanghai jury for some time past, terminated on the morning of the 14th inst. The jury, after an absence of twenty minutes, returned a verdict for the plaintiff, assessing the damages at \$6,000. The Chief Justice entered judgment for that amount and costs.

WE have to claim the indulgence of our subscribers, especially those resident in Canton, for recent irregularities in our hour of publication.

In spite of most strenuous exertions we have

frequently been unable to publish in time for the

night-boat to Canton; however, we have now

surmounted all difficulties, and in future hope to

circulate the *Telegraph*, except on very special

occasions, not later than 5 o'clock. Our Canton

subscribers may therefore rely on almost always

receiving their papers by the night-boat.

MRI. J. D. DOUGALL, writing to the *Times* on the

longevity of sportsmen, avers that it is not alone

that they live long, but that they preserve their

faculties until nearly the closing scene. He

mentions several instances within his knowledge

of veteran sportsmen, tending to show that

the case of Mr. Horatio Ross, who is stated to have

shot his stag on several birthdays after com-

pleting his eightieth year, is by no means an ex-

ceptional one.

A VERY characteristic French story appears in a

Paris paper. It runs thus:—A man enters the

shop of a barber to shave. He sits down, when

a big dog comes in immediately afterwards, and

sitting down in front of him, regards him with a

fixed stare. "There you go, Hawkins, scraping the

money together, as usual; raking in the guineas

by the thousand, giving yourself no time or

peace or enjoyment! What is the use of it?"

"You can't take the guineas away with you when

you die—and even if you did they'd melt!"

PERHAPS the best thing Sergeant Ballantyne

ever said was to Sir Henry Hawkins, who had

the reputation of being very fond of money,

overcame almost insuperable difficulties and

showed that life, even when it seems almost a

curse, may be well worth living, died recently at

Arare, in the Canton of Geneva. Jean Trotter

the man in question was born in 1831 without

hands and without feet. His short arms were

pointed, and his legs, such as they were, not

being available for progression, he was able to

move only by twisting his body from side to

side. His case greatly interested the surgeons

of the neighbourhood, and local Barnums made

the parents, well-to-do peasants, many tempting

offers to turn their child's misfortune to account

by exhibiting him about the country. But these

offers were invariably declined, and when Jean

was old enough he was sent to school. In writing

he held his pen at the bend of the elbow,

and as he grew older he took great interest in

his studies, became an active layman, used

the reins with dexterity, and was so good a shot

that he often carried off the first prize at the vil-

lage fairs. He enjoyed, too, some reputation for

gaiety, and the Micawber-like way of viewing

the situation not being accepted by either the Survey Department or the City Police Bench,

Mr. Topham is now awaiting what a jury of his

countrymen may have to say on the matter.

A MAN who by dint of sheer courage and energy

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DOUGLAS JONES,
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Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [107]

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